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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting Larry Houston reported that hearings on our legislation are now scheduled to begin on 23 July at 10:00 a.m. (Emmett Echols and others were properly alerted.)

2. I received a telephone call from Gates Lloyd, who said that he would return to duty on the morning of 25 July.

3. Bob Daly, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, telephoned to say that he would enter into negotiations for space in the  (See my Memorandum of Conversation.)

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4. Larry Houston telephoned to say that the General Services Administration was sponsoring some legislation for the procurement of all automatic data processing equipment. We agreed that he should get in touch with GSA. I said that we would have no objection provided it was understood that we would be excepted or that they would redelegate their authority to us. Larry said that he had done this and that GSA was in full agreement with our position.

5. Emmett Echols discussed with me briefly some of the difficulties being encountered in the recruitment of ADP people and pointed out that we seemed to be about the only agency in the Government which does not have an ADP trainee program. (I want to discuss this with )

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7. At the Executive Committee Meeting the Director expressed his complete dissatisfaction with the progress on OXCART. He said that he considered this a failure, that it had been on dead center for months with lack of satisfactory progress, and that he expected General Carter and the others involved to do something about it without delay.

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9. Emmett Echols discussed with me a request from the Office of Special Activities to re-employ [REDACTED] at step 5 of grade GS-15. He left the Agency about two years ago as a grade GS-14. I have serious reservations about this kind of action and asked Emmett to express my misgivings to the Office of Special Activities.

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10. I reviewed Emmett Echols' recommendations for promotion from grades GS-14 to -15 and -13 to -14 in the Personnel Career Service. We agreed that he should promote one GS-15 and hold one vacancy and that he should promote five GS-14's and hold three vacancies. While I approved of Emmett's recommendations, I cautioned him that consideration by his career board should ensure that those people serving in the Office of Personnel did not get priority over those serving in other components, such as [REDACTED] (As a practical matter, however, I am always concerned about how long we should keep these people away from their career service. Almost invariably they do lose out unless extraordinary steps are taken, and I think that we might well decide now that some of these people, [REDACTED] in particular, should be transferred to the SA Career Service. At the same time I am reluctant to do this because I would like to try to ensure that the Office of Personnel remains strong and that we do not have to rejuvenate it a few years later by putting SA's back into it as we have had to do during the past year or two.)

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